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The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" These are the figures supplied by the returning officers on whom the responsibility lies. Government do not see anything to question their returns."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" Do Government realize the seriousness of the situation, in view of the fact that in spite of vaccination children fall a vic im to smallpox? Does that not show that vaccination is not done properly?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" Government have no reason to think so. If the hon. Member thinks the Corporation is not doing it properly he may ask the Corporation to improve."

Registration

Preparation of indexes to registered documents in the vernacular.

* 1771 Q.—Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that indexes to documents registered are maintained in English in the District Registrars' offices and in vernacular in the Sub-Registrars' offices; and

(b) if so, the reasons for maintaining the former in English instead of in vernacular when they are really intended for the perusal of the public, the majority of the literates among whom know only the vernaculars?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) A report has been called for from the Inspector-General of Registration.

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" May I know whether the report has now been received?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" No, not yet."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" Are not the documents registered in the offices of district registrars in the vernacular?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" I believe it is so."

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UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Inams

Resumption of artisan inams in West Godavari district.

1772 Q.—Rao Sahib B. VENKATARAMAYYA NAYUDU: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that in the West Godavari district village artisan service inams are being resumed in the case of alienation;

(b) whether there are any proposals to bring any legislation regulating alienation in such cases; and

(c) whether the Government have issued or propose to issue any orders stopping resumption in such cases pending such legislation?

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A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The Government have no intention of bringing forward any legislation on the subject.

(c) The Collector of West Godavari has been instructed to hold resumptions of village artisan inams in abeyance pending the further orders of the Government.

Medical*Proceedings of the Conference of Medical officers.*

1773 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether a conference of District Medical Officers, civil surgeons and superintendents of city hospitals was convened by the Surgeon-General Major-General J. W. D. Megaw, I.M.S., last year and if so for what purpose;

(b) whether any such conference was held on any previous occasion by any other Surgeon-General;

(c) how many officers attended the conference and for how many days;

(d) whether travelling allowance was sanctioned for the officers attending the conference and what was the total cost of it;

(e) what were the several points raised for discussion at the conference and what were the conclusions arrived at and recommendations made;

(f) whether any proposals were made as to the lines on which increased efficiency and economy could be effected in the expenditure of the funds allotted without additional demand on public revenue; and

(g) if so, what were the proposals and what action has been taken and is proposed to be taken by the Surgeon-General and Government to give effect to these proposals.

A.—(a) Yes; the conference was held for the discussion of important questions connected with the development of the Medical department.

(b) No.

(c) Forty-two officers attended the conference which lasted for five days.

(d) Yes. The total expenditure on travelling allowance has not been reported to the Government.

(e) The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to question No. 975 at the meeting of the Council held on 17th October 1929.

(f) & (g) The conference did not make any concrete proposals. After the conference was over, Major-General Megaw drew up a note on the Madras Medical Department in which he indicated the lines on which increased efficiency could be effected in the department without additional demand on the public revenues. The note has been communicated to all heads of medical institutions for information and guidance. Proposals to carry out such of the suggestions and recommendations contained in the note as require the orders of the Government will be considered as and when they are received from the Surgeon-General.